



STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

2 p.m. via WebEx

Attendees: Jessica A. Acosta Lopez, Adan Sanchez, Alejandra Saucedo, Elaine Almanza-Ortega, Ana Gonzalez, Ana Granados, Anna Garza, Araceli Sandoval, Marissa D. Arce, Armandina Ramos, Mariana Barberena Asiain, Aquiles Barrera, Andrea Beattie, Michelle Begwin, Heather Benavides, Jose Manuel Bernal Brosig, Airam Bernal, Bernardo, Maria M Blasco, Cesar Caballero, Celina Calderon, Ashley Carey, Carmen Aquino, Kathy Casares, Christa Elizondo, Lorissa Cortez, Maria Leticia Cruz, Daniel Berndt, Daniela M Ortiz, Maria D De La Garza, Rebecca Delgado, Rosie Dickinson, Elizabeth, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Elsa, Erika Medrano, Erika Cantu, Eva Sanchez, Samuel Flores, M. Susan Foster, Freddy Juarez, Rocio M. Garcia Gurrola, Rocio Garcia, Georgina Zamudio, Ana M. Gonzalez, Margaret D. Gonzalez, Selina Gonzalez, Franz Gordillo, Sophia Gutierrez, Nicolas D. Herrera, Julio Medina, Krista Quintanilla, Leonela Preciado, Edward Lopez, Daniela Maldonado, Maria Elena Hernandez, Marta Castro, Claudia E. Martinez, Cynthia Martinez, Elena M. Martinez, Juan Martinez, Jr., Leslie D. Martinez, Vanessa F. Martinez, Juliana Medrano, Ruben Mendez, Michelle Espinoza, Monica A Molina, Monica Robledo, Norma Arenal, Miguel S Olivas, Patricia Ornelas, Joselyn Ortegón, Amy Palacios, Paola Ortega, Arianna Perez, Perla Echeverria, Ricardo Ramirez, Blanca Ramos, Rocio Gallegos, Amy Rodriguez, Arturo San Martin Jr, Anabelly Sanchez, Sofia Maldonado, Klarissa Tamez, Merari Teran, Azeneth Vazquez, Victor Hugo Diaz, Ivana Zamora

Executive Board: Cihltlalli Perez, Vanessa Almaraz, Ana Vargas, Patsy Lopez, & Alejandra Eligio

- **Welcome:** Staff Senate President Cihltlalli Perez called meeting order at 2:01 p.m.
- **Review of April 2022 Staff Senate Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion to approve April Meeting Minutes:
 - Maria Leticia Cruz 1st Motion
 - Margaret Gonzalez 2nd Motion
- **Treasurer's Report:** \$3,159.00
- **Speaker / Presentation:** "Mindfulness Practices & Mindfulness Breathing" – Dr. Bernice Sanchez, TAMIU, Associate Professor, COED
- **Staff Senate News**
 - **Board Vacancy & Vote** – Lisa Salazar stepped down as Secretary. President Perez nominated Leonela Preciado and opened the floor for other nominations.

President Perez added the elected individual would serve the remaining term (i.e., through August end). Jessica Perez nominated Daniel Berndt. Voting occurred via secure online link by members in attendance. A majority vote determined Daniel Berndt as the winner.

- **Staff Senate Bowl-a-thon** - The annual Bowl-a-thon is back and will be hosted on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at Pla-Mor Entertainment, 2819 Bob Bullock Loop. [Registration is now open!](#) This is the biggest fundraiser for the TAMIU Staff Senate.
- **Earth Day Celebration Recap** – President Perez highlighted the various activities that occurred including a scavenger hunt, bike station dedication, trivia game, and more.
- **Dog Days of Summer Photo Contest** – President Perez announced a new contest for staff to submit photos of their pets. Contest runs through June 24 with winners and photos to be shared at the July meeting.
- **COVID Updates** – President Perez announced mandatory testing has concluded. National Guard vaccination drive continues on campus. As of Wednesday, April 6, 2022, the National Guard has started offering the second booster to those who qualify. The last prizes for Be a Champ Campaign will be given out at TAMIU TED Day.

- **TAMIU News**
 - **ACUE Professional Development Opportunity** – TAMUS offers nationally recognized courses including “Inclusive Teaching for Equitable Learning” Eligibility includes non-teaching professional working directly with students. [Registration](#) now open, deadline: May 24.
 - **TAMIU Leadership Experience** – Nine month university-wide program designed to promote a culture of excellence. The cohort-based program is infused with experiences that help facilitate professional development, adaptability, collaboration, communication, foresight and strategic thinking. Applicants must be in budgeted, benefits-eligible faculty or staff and employed for one year. [Applications](#) are available through mid-July.
 - **Outstanding Employee Service Award** - Nomination form is open; two awards will be given this year. Nominees need to meet certain criteria to be nominated. Deadline is May 12, 2022.
Outstanding Employee Service Award Form:
<https://tamiu.wufoo.com/forms/q1f8iesb1f9kqg0/>
 - **Annual Service Quality Surveys Reminder** – Surveys available for:
 - Finance and Administration Division:
 - IT Services
 - Administrative Services
 - Finance Services
 - [Compliance](#)
 - **Early Voting on Campus** – Available in WHT on Monday, May 16 from 9am to 6pm
 - **Summer Camps** – Several camps being offered for children:
 - [Dusty’s Junior University Summer Camp](#)
 - [Sing to Win @ All-State: TAMIU Summer Choir Camp](#)

- [D.I.A.L.L. STEM Immersion Experience](#)
 - [Rec Sports Summer Camp](#)
 - **Dusty's Pantry Accepted Items** – Individuals can donate popular/needed items to the Pantry to fight student food insecurity.
 - **Upcoming Important Dates:**
 - Spring Commencement: Thursday, May 12
 - Maymester Tuition and Fees Due: Friday, May 13
 - Graduate Information Session: Wednesday, May 25
 - Memorial Day, University Closed: Monday, May 30

- **Open Floor**
 - **Kristina Valenciano, HealthyU** – Massage Chairs available May 10 and 11 in front of Student Center.
 - **Question** – President Perez answered a question in the chat asking about the TED theme, noting it will be “Loteria” theme.
 - **Announcement** – Margaret Gonzalez noted in the chat today (May 10) is the last day to vote for the Texas Constitutional Amendments.
 - **Daniel Berndt, Environmental Health & Safety** – Daniel Berndt announced the next EHS Workshop, “Summer Hazards” on Wednesday, May 25.

- **Door Prizes**
 - Heather Benavides
 - Lorissa Cortez
 - Daniela Ortiz
 - Rocio Garcia

- **Motion to adjourn**
Meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.
 - 1st motion – Eva Sanchez
 - 2nd motion – Susan Foster

Next Meeting: June 14, 2022